--- 1/16th Pound - “Series of 1883” - BLUE - 155 x 14 mm. ---

Under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886) John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 35,600 copies of the “1-16th, Blue, ‘83”, *recess printed* by hand press. He further reports (on the next line) that 262,530 *lithographed* copies of “1-16th, Blue, Tobacco” were ‘delivered’. These latter are probably “Series of 1880-81” blue Customs strips.

John McKay next records that 228,290 copies of the “1-16 lb. Blue”, *recess printed* by hand press were ‘delivered’ under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892).

3rd BABN Contract - October 22nd 1878	35,600 recess (hand press)	**000001** to **035600**
4th BABN Contract - October 22nd 1886	228,290 recess (hand press)	**035601** to **263890**

The catalogue lists the recess printed “Series of 1883” blue 1/16th pound strip as follows:

RP-605 - 1/16th pound, blue, perforated 12, on horizontal mesh wove, with Roman 4 mm. red control numbers

RP-605n - 1/16th pound, perf 12, recess printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove, without control numbering

The initial 1883 strips apparently were printed on vertical mesh wove paper. The extant strips are mostly remainders (i.e. from the later printings) and are found on wove paper with a horizontal mesh.

1/16th pound, blue, plate proof, on heavy wove with an indistinct vertical mesh,
The collection also contains an ***imperforate pair***

1/16th pound, blue, plate proof, on heavy wove with an indistinct vertical mesh,
Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. violet Gothic letters

--- 1/16th Pound - “Series of 1883” - BLUE - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

--- Recess printed by hand press in Montreal on horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. red controls ---

--- RP-605 - perforated 12 - 155 x 14 mm - scanned at 100% scale ---

RP-605 CP - 1/16th pound, perf 12, recess printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm. control number **231784**, Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters - a suspect CP

231784★	RP-605	1/16th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove paper, Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of **RP-605** - the perforated 1/16th pound blue strip printed on horizontal mesh wove paper, without the **CANCELLED** stamping. **WANTED!**

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